

Indiana American.

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BROOKVILLE.
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UNION TICKET.

FOR CLERK OF COURT,
ALEXANDER W. BIRCHIE.
FOR COMMISSIONER,
NIXON DAVIS.

Union Meetings.

The Republican Executive Committee of Franklin County have made the following appointments for public speaking, and have secured the services of Hon. J. H. Farguhar to address the people on the political issues of the day, at the following times and places:

Whitcomb, Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 P. M.

Bloomington, Friday, " " " "

St. Louis, Monday, " " " "

Let our friends at the various points see that proper arrangements are made for these meetings, and a general attendance secured.

THE ELECTION.

Let it be remembered that next Tuesday is the day of election, and it is expected that every man will do his duty. Though our ticket is small, it is an important one. Some may say that we cannot carry the election any way, and it is useless to try. This is not the proper spirit; it is bad policy, and not right in principle. No true man will fail to do his duty through fear that success will not crown his efforts. Let no Union man stay away from the polls on next Tuesday for any such frivolous reasons. Our cause is the same now, and no less just than that fought for during the rebellion, and it is as much our duty to vote to maintain it as it was to fight to gain it. Had the loyal people folded their arms and given up when dark clouds hovered over and around them as they did often during the rebellion, we would not be on next Tuesday have had the privilege of going to the polls and voting for our choice of men to fill the public offices. Our enemy is the same still, and although defeated in the field, they hope to finally gain their ends at the ballot-box.

Let every Union man in the County entitled to a vote, go to the polls and vote, and thereby show to the world that he thinks enough of his principles to vote for them. And let each man see that all the neighboring voters go to the polls and vote. Remember that any whose names are not recorded may not be at the polls. Examine the lists and see that they are correct, and that all the names of legal voters are placed on them.

There is no more reason for Union men staying away from the polls now than heretofore. There is just as good a prospect of success as there has been for a number of years, but we do not wish to urge that as a reason for voting. We urge it as a duty. We believe our cause is just, and a noble one, and that it is a duty to vote for it. The question as to whether or not we will succeed, need not be discussed. Let our duty be done, no matter what the result may be.

We have worthy men on our ticket, which the enemy have not; and in voting for such men as compose our ticket, we not only support our political cause, but at the same time sustain the cause of morality, religion and industry.

Democratic Meanness.

At a recent session of the County Commissioners of this County, the Whitcomb voting Precinct was abolished, thus compelling the voters in that Precinct to come to Brookville to vote, as they formerly did. We can assign but one reason for this, and that is, the voters of that Precinct almost unanimously voted the Union Ticket. By abolishing the Precinct, it is no doubt supposed by the Democracy that many will fail to come to Brookville to vote, on account of the great distance; and as the East Fork is unbridged, the voters of that entire Precinct would likely be unable to vote in case of high waters. We hope that not one of the Union men, of Whitcomb Precinct will fail to come as that would be just what the Democracy desire.

Indiana State Fair.

The Indiana State Fair opened at Terre Haute, on Monday. The attendance was large, and the entries more numerous, already than for the fair of last year. Some fast horses are on the ground, and excellent trotting is expected.

There was a large attendance at the Indiana State Fair on Tuesday. Premiums were awarded for pacing horses, matched teams and saddle horses. The confidence men are busy at work.

Desperate Measure.

It is the general opinion in the Shenandoah Valley that President Johnson is preparing for some desperate measure, as an ex-Confederate General has been writing to the rebels in that section, and discussing plans of organization in, against possible contingencies.

Southern Elections.

The election under the Reconstruction Act began in Alabama on Tuesday, and continued through Wednesday and Thursday. That in Louisiana was held on the 27th and 28th of September. The indications are that the loyal men have been successful, though the prevalence of yellow fever and other circumstances, prevented as large a vote as was expected in New Orleans. Elections will be held in Virginia on the 22d, and in Georgia on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October.

Sheridan on Reconstruction.

The Philadelphia Enquirer's report says that soon after leaving Washington the General made use of the following remarks:

"The reconstruction acts of Congress are the only measures calculated to benefit the people of the Southern States. All my acts while in command of the Department of Mississippi and Louisiana were not only fully endorsed by General Grant, but, in reality, might be considered the execution of General Grant's own orders. If the first letter written by General Grant to President Johnson relating my removal was to be made public, the people of the North would be astonished at its radical tone; and when it is published, the people will find that he (Grant) is radical to the core. As far as Radicalism is concerned, Gen. Grant is more so than I am, and in several instances I have written to him, asking him to modify the instructions issued by him, but he has refused to do so, and has said for which they are intended."

The General spoke freely and unreservedly, during the passage of the cars from Washington to Baltimore, on the prominent topics of the day, and his views respecting reconstruction are of the most radical stamp.

Sheridan's Reception in New York.

General Sheridan had a splendid reception in New York on Tuesday. The ovation at the Union League Club Rooms that night was one of the grandest affairs ever known in that city. Sheridan made quite a speech for him, and emphatically declared that secession was a crime. Here is his speech:

"I have scarcely language to express the very great appreciation I have for your very warm and hearty welcome. I only hope I may be able hereafter to deserve the same approval in all my acts. I certainly know that heretofore, and I believe hereafter, I shall never, by any act of mine, attempt to make rebellion honorable. [Applause.] Rebellion is a crime, and it shall not be made honorable. [Cheers.] I thank you."

A Democrat who Repudiates the Tax Law.

B. H. Cornwell, ex-Auditor and Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Vigo County, was arrested at Terre Haute on Saturday by an officer of the secret service, on a charge of making fraudulent income returns. He was brought to Indianapolis on Monday, and was taken before Commissioner Davis, who continued the case on account of the absence of important witnesses.

Garibaldi.

Who has been arrested, has written a stirring letter to his followers, showing no sign of giving up his object. He incites the Italian Liberals, by earnest appeals, to push forward to the accomplishment of the liberation of Rome.

Orders to Returning Rebel Soldiers.

Gens. Canby, Ord and Schofield have already issued orders requiring returning rebel soldiers to take the pardon oath. Gens. Pope and Mower will soon do the same. Gen. Grant suggested this course.

Nashville Authorities Still Defiant.

The city authorities of Nashville have petitioned for an injunction restraining the officers elect from being inducted into office. It is thought that if the old city government does not soon yield it will be ejected by force.

The Nashville Election.

Passed off quietly. The Alden Radical ticket was elected by 1,500 majority. The city authorities will not recognize the legality of the election if they can help doing it.

Louisiana Election.

Returns from the Louisiana election are very meager, but they indicate that the necessary vote for a Convention has been obtained in the State.

As Good as Certain.

It is now considered as good as certain that the Union element at the South will carry all the coming elections. The indications are very favorable and growing stronger every day.

What Andy Will Do.

President Johnson has declared to a friend that he shall make a stand in opposition to Congress if it attempts to suspend him during the progress of the impeachment trial.

The Maryland Militia Secure Field Batteries.

Governor Swann has purchased three field batteries for his Maryland militia, and given them to companies commanded by ex-rebels.

Naval Officer Court-Martialed.

Sheridan Wells has ordered a naval officer to be court-martialed for saying that the President ought to be impeached.

R. J. Walker to be Secretary of the Treasury.

The President has made a formal offer of the Secretaryship of the Treasury to Robert J. Walker, he to take the office after the elections next week.

The "Cause of Agitation."

The Charleston Courier remarks in the course of an article on the change of commanders:

"We have said that we did not like much of Gen. Sickles' military legislation, still we believe he is a man of first class intellectual ability, and meant to do what was right. We must be excused, therefore, if we do not consider his removal as a good thing. We know nothing whatever of General Canby; but suppose, upon his accession, he should revoke General Orders Nos. 10 and 24, and perhaps some paragraphs of 65; it is certain, therefore, that the people of the two Carolinas will thereby be the gainers? Much that has already been done may have to be done over again; and agitation, at present our greatest curse, bids fair to be continued indefinitely."

"Let us then learn wisdom from the past, and stand aloof from the present imbroglio. We firmly believe that we now have the best terms that will ever be offered to us. Let nothing, therefore, lead us from the main work in hand. Let no side-issue divert our attention from the great task now before us, viz: Our political regeneration. If we reject these terms, we have no reason whatever to look for anything but worse."

The above quotation from the Charleston Courier is a good indication of returning reason. The advice is wise, and if heeded cannot fail to result in good to all parties in these States. The first proposition made to the South was more favorable than the second. The rejection of the first brought forth the second, and the Courier fears, and very justly, too, that the rejection of the second would only have the effect to involve a third more rigorous than either previously proposed.

Were similar opinions expressed and urged by Northern Copperheads and the leading journals of that school of politics, the work of reconstruction would progress to a successful issue in a period of time exceedingly short.

It is the encouragement given by northern men to southern discontented and rebellious politicians, to look for better things in the future, which keeps up the agitation, checks the progress of reconciliation, and excites hope which can never be realized. It is often said that the war of rebellion has not, as yet, been brought to a close, that the struggle is still going on, with a fair prospect of another conflict of arms. If this be true, the blame, the guilt, the crime of this continued struggle rests upon men claiming to be northern democrats. They are the agitators of the present hour, they are the responsible men for the dangers that now threaten the peace of the country, and fearful, indeed, will be the penalties imposed upon them should their persistent efforts in preventing a speedy settlement of our difficulties result in a conflict of arms. We commend to their consideration the wise counsel of the Charleston Courier.—[Richmond Palladium.]

The President's Programme.

A part of the President's action in opposition to the success of the reconstruction measures has come to light. It has been discovered that he wrote a letter to an Alabama gentleman, advising that the rebels arrested by his late proclamation should make application to the Courts to be placed on the registration list, and should get the matter before the Supreme Court as soon as possible. This letter was copied and sent into all the Southern States, and in most of them test cases have already been made up.

A Misstatement.

The statement that it requires a majority of all the registered voters to secure a Convention in the Southern States is a misstatement.

Democratic Platform.

On the 8th of January last the Democracy met in convention at Columbus, O., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and other State offices. They adopted a platform of platitudes, of which the following will be found to be the essence:

Resolved, 1st. That the Democracy of Ohio, as always before, are in favor of repudiating the national debt.

2d. That the Democracy of Ohio, as they always have been, are in favor of restoring slavery in this country, but if that can't be done—then for the Government to pay our friends for the loss of all their slaves.

3d. That the Democracy of Ohio are in favor, as they have always been, of granting pensions to the widows and orphans of the confederate soldiers.

4th. That the Democracy of Ohio are in favor, as they always have been, of the right of secession.

5th. That the Democracy of Ohio, as they have lately discovered, and for fear they may be misunderstood, are in favor of paying the public debt, but if restored to power, will pay it off in greenbacks, and then declare them "on ly rags."

Paying the Public Debt in Greenbacks.

The Copperheads of Indiana and Ohio profess to be in favor of paying the public debt in greenbacks, but their style of payment is to set the printing presses in motion and strike off greenback currency to an amount equaling the bonds, and say to our creditors, at home, and in Europe, "Take this or nothing." They know that such an issue of greenbacks would be comparatively worthless, because it would be impossible for the Government to redeem the most oppressive taxation possible, to redeem them in ten years.

We propose that the Government shall apply all its surplus of greenbacks to the redemption of the public debt, by giving our creditors the option of accepting them for their bonds. More than \$200,000,000 could be redeemed now in that way, if the Secretary of the Treasury would, or could make the offer. Is not this plan preferable to the confounding confusion of Brick Pomeroy, Vallandigham and other un-reconstructed rebels? [Journal.]

Change of Ministry.

The Rev. T. H. Lynch, who has been preaching to the Methodist denomination of this city for the last two years, to the highest satisfaction of the entire church and all besides, has been stationed for the coming year at Brookville, Indiana. Our people part with their esteemed pastor with regret, but we must congratulate him on his good fortune in falling into a community like that of his new charge.—[Columbus Bulletin.]

The Prospect Bright.

The reports of large and enthusiastic Union meetings in all sections of the State, with which our columns are crowded, bear witness to the fact that the intelligent and patriotic citizens of Ohio are aroused to an appreciation of the great questions of honor, justice and righteousness upon which they have to make a decision so soon. Never were graver questions presented to the people for their judgment, and never were the people bringing to their consideration a more fair and earnest mind. The power of prejudice over reason has wonderfully loosened. The demands of simple justice are given a thoughtful hearing. The excellence of pure republicanism, principles of government was never more clearly perceived than now. The virtue of loyalty and the crime of treason appear in marked contrast. The honor due the soldier of the Republic is acknowledged without reservation, while the shame and distrust which the Copperheads so richly deserve is awarded to them without mistaken mercy. The infamous character and policy of the acting President is censured and repudiated by every honorable man in the State, while the constitutional, wise and firm course of Congress meets the approbation of all who fought to put down the rebellion, and sincerely desire a restoration of the Union on a basis of loyalty, liberty and equal rights. All that was needed to secure a victory for the party of the country's friends over the party of the country's enemies, was that the intelligent masses of the population of the State should clearly understand the great matter to be determined, the national, wise and firm course of Congress meets the approbation of all who fought to put down the rebellion, and sincerely desire a restoration of the Union on a basis of loyalty, liberty and equal rights. 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